

Fostering Inclusion in Legal Systems – Regional Comparative Analysis



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| Project Title | Fostering Inclusion in Legal Systems – Regional Comparative Analysis |
| Project Summary | Protect the rights of people with disabilities internationally by building an global database of national laws that prohibit discrimination and remove barriers to equal access and opportunities. |
| Country | United States |

Project Description

The Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor leads the State Department’s comprehensive strategy to promote and protect the rights of people with disabilities internationally. As part of our foreign policy the United States works to remove barriers to equal access and opportunities and create a world in which disabled people enjoy dignity and full inclusion. Discrimination against people with disabilities is not simply unjust – it hinders economic development, limits democracy, and erodes societies.

This project seeks to identify openings in the legal or policy framework to advocate for laws that prohibit discrimination against individuals with disabilities in all areas of public life, including jobs, schools, transportation, and all public and private places that are open to the public. Selected interns will compare national disability rights laws to relevant U.S. laws and the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities to catalogue gaps and best practices for upholding the human rights, and fundamental freedoms of persons with disabilities. Each intern will be provided a region of the world to research each country’s national laws to determine whether laws adhere to the legal standards identified. Interns will also determine whether any regional or multilateral organizations have done similar legal research to avoid duplication.

Required Skills or Interests

Skill(s)
Political Analysis
Research

Additional Information

Interns should indicate region(s) of focus based on interests, experience, and/or language skills: Europe, Western Hemisphere, East Asia and the Pacific, South and Central Asia, Africa and the Near East and North Africa.

Language Requirements

None